material needed for meeting its own requirements, preferable by establishment of a direct relationship between the factory and the individuals who can grow the raw material by supporting the individuals with inputs including credit, constant technical advice and finally harvesting and transport services.

(2) Natural forests serve as a gene pool resource and help to maintain ecological balance. Such forests will not, therefore, be made available to industries for undertaking plantation and for any other activities.

Insurance policy

405. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that insurance policy does not cover any compensation for death or injury resulting from nuclear radiation; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government for such inclusion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) It is an universal practice to exclude any loss, injury or damage arising from nuclear and ionising radiation under general insurance policies. However, general insurance companies issue, on demand, special contingency policies covering only employees of factories, etc. for accidental death or injury resulting only from X-Ray/Gamma Rays radiation and no other risks.

In the case of life insurance policies, there is, however, no such exclusion.

Infiltration from Bangladesh

406. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether of late, there has been large scale infiltration of Bangladeshi nationals into the States of Tripura, Assam, West Bengal and Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what preventive steps Government have taken or propose to take to check such large scale infiltration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Government are aware that infiltration takes place through Bangladesh border. Information regarding the number of persons apprehended on Indo-Bangladesh bord during the year 1988 and 1989 (up to February) is furnished in the attached statement (*See* below). Bihar does not have international border with Bangladesh.

(c) The BSF have been strengthened as also more border outposts and Observation Post Towers, sophisticated equipments, vehicles etc. provided to increase vigilance on Indo-Bangladesh border.